REMARKS

Claims 11-36 are pending in the application.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the information cited by applicants in their Information Disclosure Statement as well as acknowledgement of receipt of the foreign priority documents.

Various claims stand rejected based on obviousness-type double patenting over five United States patents.

In order to expedite prosecution, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and Fee to render the double patenting rejections moot.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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